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COUNTRY

Germany (Soviet Zone)

SECURITY INFORMATION

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Brandenburg-Arado Airfield

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EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT 15 to 27 August 1951

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DATE PREPARED 26 September 1951

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Between 6 and 8 p.m. on 15 August 1951, there was night flying at Brandenburg-Arado airfield. There was a light haze with a cloud base of about 300 meters. A rotating searchlight was in operation and the runway was marked by lights. Two single-engine low-wing monoplanes with running lights were continually flying in formation for about 10 minutes. The Pionier Kaserne was occupied by 700 to 800 air force soldiers.

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2. On 20 August, 58 two-seater low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines and 4 biplanes were observed at the field. * Between 2 and 4 p.m., three formations of nine ground-attack aircraft each practiced diving over the field. After taking off, the planes, flying one behind the other, climbed to an altitude of about 1,000 meters and then dived to about 200 meters from the ground at about a 50 degree angle. The occupation of the barracks installation was unchanged.

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3. From 22 to 24 August, the former Pionier Kaserne in Brandenburg was occupied by Soviet Air Force troops. ** A total of 40 to 50 aircraft were parked at the adjacent airfield. Soldiers were clearing debris at a building which had been gutted by fire at the southeastern section of the installation.

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4. Between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on 27 August, about 50 single-engine ground attack aircraft and 2 biplanes were observed at the field. All the ground attack planes had red tips on their rudder assemblies. The two biplanes with two-man crews made local flights. Reconstruction work was being done on a three-story

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building and a clinker building in the southeastern corner of the field, probably for quartering purposes. A radio truck and four tank trucks were parked at the take-off point. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The remains of a crashed plane, which was of the same type as the aircraft stationed at the field, was seen just east of Plauer Lake. The number 17 was identified on the plane which was guarded by a sentry.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The airfield is still occupied by a ground attack regiment equipped with about 60 IL-10s and some PO-2s.

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[REDACTED] Comment. For location of barracks installation, see Annex. The barracks installation is occupied by the flying personnel and the personnel of the pertaining ground unit.

Annex: 1 - sketch on ditto.

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